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1. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC ADDRESS SINCE HIS ELEVATION TO THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT, STEFAN OLSZOWSKI OUTLINED THE
ECONOMIC STRATEGY THAT POLAND PLANS TO FOLLOW IN 1977 AND BEYOND.
CITING THE PRESSING NEED THE LEADERSHIP HAS FOR IMPROVING MARKET
SUPPLIES, OLSZOWSKI INDICATED SOME CONSUMER IMPORTS WOULD CONTINUE
TO BE UNDERTAKEN AND THAT EXPENDITURES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY WOULD BE
INCREASED AS A SHARE OF TOTAL INVESTMENT. HE NOTED THAT, AS
THE RATE OF INVESTMENT DECLINES, EVEN MORE IMPORTANCE MUST BE
ATTACHED TO CUTTING WASTE IN INDUSTRY AND IMPROVING WORK
ORGANIZATION. TO ACHIEVE THIS, OLSZOWSKI CALLED FOR A BETTER
UNION OF PLANNING WITH A "NECESSARY INDEPENDENCE AND
ELASTICITY" IN THE OPERATIONS OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS.

2. COMMENT: WHILE OLSZOWSKI'S REMARKS TO THE 1976 CONGRESS
OF THE POLISH ECONOMIC SOCIETY CONTAIN NOTHING NEW OR
STARTLING, THEY TEND TO CONFIRM EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT HIS
MAIN RESPONSIBILITY IN THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE THE ECONOMY RATHER
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THAN PROPAGANDA AFFAIRS. IF OLSZOWSKI SUCCEEDS IN THE
AWESOME TASK OF GETTING POLAND'S ECONOMY BACK ON TRACK,
HIS POLITICAL STOCK WILL DOUBTLESS RISE SIGNIFICANTLY.
END COMMENT.
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